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Letter dated 1 April 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

According to reports from Afghanistan, the Afghan mujahidin have liberated Khost with the help and cooperation of the local population and tribes in the area. The local mujahidin commanders' shura has declared a cease-fire and general amnesty and is addressing the humanitarian needs of the population on an emergency footing. The shura has also invited the International Committee of the Red Cross to extend humanitarian assistance in the area.

The troops of the Kabul régime have surrendered to the mujahidin in large numbers. They have been assured full protection, and those belonging to the local area have been allowed to join their families after laying down their arms. The régime's troops, who are injured in the fighting, are being provided medical care.

According to reports, the local population has welcomed the mujahidin victory and the end to the fighting in Khost.

The Kabul régime, however, is engaged in SCUD attacks and intense aerial bombardment of the town of Khost and adjoining areas. I would like to request you to use your influence to stop these brutal attacks, which are taking a heavy toll in human life and causing devastation of property.

The Government of Pakistan will also welcome the dispatch of a United Nations team to Khost to observe the situation and the killings and suffering caused by indiscriminate aerial bombardment and use of weapons of mass destruction by the Kabul régime.

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On behalf of the Government of Pakistan, I reaffirm to you Pakistan's resolute commitment to promoting a political settlement of the Afghan conflict and our readiness to cooperate with the peace efforts by you.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 29 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jamsheed K. A. MARKER
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Permanent Representative